

## **C. District of Residence**

What a district needs to know in order to determine the district of resident for a student?

1. Where do the parents live?
2. Does the child reside with the parents?
3. If not, with whom does the child reside?
4. Does the child reside there for the purpose of a home or the purpose of an education?
5. If for the purpose of a home then that is their district of residence. It is very difficult to prove that a child lives in a certain place for the purpose of an education. The Department of Education assumes the child lives somewhere other than with their parents for the purpose of a home.

Exceptions:

- If a child is placed in a foster care facility, their district of residence is where their parents reside, if in Iowa.
- If the parents do not live in Iowa and the Iowa courts or the Iowa Department of Human Services placed the child in the foster care facility, the state of Iowa pays for the education. This is done by first checking the generating count and billing the district where the child was counted the previous year. If the child is not on any district's count the district providing special education services must file a claim against the state of Iowa for the cost of the child's special education.
- If a court has terminated the rights of the child's parents, then the state of Iowa pays from the date of termination. The district providing special education services must file a claim against the state of Iowa for the cost of the child's special education.